

In the Claims:

1 1. [Currently Amended] A method for acquiring remote high
2 resolution photographs by a user using a streaming video as a view-finder,
3 comprising:

4 connecting a remote device to one or more photo-video acquisition
5 devices individually comprising a camera, wherein the remote device is
6 controlled by the user;

7 using a connected one of the cameras, generating a video of a scene
8 viewed using the respective camera;

9 acquiring a high resolution photograph from the remote device using the
10 video streamed from the one or more photo-video acquisition devices as a view-
11 finder; and

12 processing and transmitting the video and the high resolution photograph
13 obtained from the one or more photo-video acquisition devices; and

14 wherein the acquiring comprises acquiring during the generating the video
15 comprising originally capturing the video of the scene as viewed in real time
16 using the respective camera.

1 2. [Original] The method of claim 1, wherein the connecting step
2 includes connecting the remote device to the one or more photo-video
3 acquisition devices through a network.

1 3. [Original] The method of claim 1, wherein the connecting step
2 includes connecting the remote device to the one or more photo-video
3 acquisition devices through a point-to-point connection.

1 4. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 requesting payment information from a user who wishes to control the
3 one or more photo-video acquisition devices; and

4 enabling the user to control the one or more photo-video acquisition
5 devices from the remote device.

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1 5. [Original] The method of claim 4, further comprising verifying the
2 payment information submitted by the user before enabling the user to control
3 the one or more photo-video acquisition devices.

1 6. [Original] The method of claim 4, wherein the acquiring step
2 includes using a queue system to allow multiple users to control the one or more
3 photo-video acquisition devices.

1 7. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 storing the video and the high resolution photograph in a storage on a network
3 server.

1 8. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising sending the
2 video and the high resolution photograph to the user.

1 9. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising posting the
2 video and the high resolution photograph on a web page.

1 10. [Original] The method of claim 9, further comprising
2 requesting payment information from a user who wishes to download the
3 video and the high resolution photograph from the web page; and
4 enabling the user to download the video and the high resolution
5 photograph onto the remote device.

1 11. [Currently Amended] An apparatus for acquiring remote high
2 resolution photographs by a user using a streaming video as a view-finder,
3 comprising:

4 one or more photo-video acquisition devices capable of acquiring videos
5 and high resolution photographs;
6 a network linked to the one or more photo-video acquisition devices;
7 a remote device capable of logging onto the one or more photo-video
8 acquisition devices through the network and acquiring the high resolution

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9 photographs, using videos streamed from the one or more photo-video
10 acquisition devices as a view-finder; and

11 wherein the photo-video acquisition devices are remote video cameras
12 configured to acquire the videos and high resolution photographs of a live scene
13 as originally viewed in real time for the first time by the remote video cameras
14 and the high resolution photographs have a resolution greater than a resolution
15 of the video.

1 12. [Original] The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the user can control
2 the one or more photo-video acquisition devices from the remote device through
3 the network or other communication channels.

1 13. [Original] The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the one or more
2 photo-video acquisition devices include a queue system that allows multiple
3 users to control the one or more photo-video acquisition devices.

1 14. [Original] The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the network includes
2 a storage on a network server to store the videos and the high resolution
3 photographs.

1 15. [Original] The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the videos and the
2 high resolution photographs are posted on a web page.

Claims 16-21 are canceled.

1 22. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 communicating a command from the user to the camera; and
3 altering an operation the camera with respect to the generation of the
4 video responsive to the command.

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1 23. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 22, wherein the
2 communicating the command comprises communicating using a communications
3 channel different than a pipeline configured to communicate the video and high
4 resolution photograph.

1 24. Canceled.

1 25. Canceled.

1 26. [Previously Presented] A method for acquiring remote high
2 resolution photographs by a user using a streaming video as a view-finder,
3 comprising:

4 connecting a remote device to one or more photo-video acquisition
5 devices individually comprising a camera, wherein the remote device is
6 controlled by the user;

7 using a connected one of the cameras, generating a video of a scene
8 viewed using the respective camera;

9 acquiring a high resolution photograph using the video streamed from the
10 one or more photo-video acquisition devices as a view-finder;

11 processing and transmitting the video and the high resolution photograph
12 obtained from the one or more photo-video acquisition devices;

13 communicating a command from the user to the camera; and

14 altering an operation the camera with respect to the generation of the
15 video responsive to the command.

1 27. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 storing the video and the high resolution photograph for a first time after the
3 generating and the transmitting.

1 28. Cancel.

1 29. [Previously Presented] The apparatus of claim 11, further
2 comprising a server coupled with the network and configured to host a web
3 page, wherein the server is configured to post the videos and high resolution

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4 photographs generated using data acquired by the one or more photo-video
5 acquisition devices and to download the videos and high resolution photographs
6 to the remote device responsive to a command received from the remote device.

1 30. [Previously Presented] A method for a user to acquire remote high
2 resolution photographs using a streaming video as a view-finder, comprising:
3 logging onto one or more photo-video acquisition devices from a remote
4 device through a network;
5 generating video using one or more of the photo-video acquisition devices
6 comprising cameras;
7 acquiring a high resolution photograph using the video streamed from the
8 one or more photo-video acquisition devices as a view-finder; and
9 receiving the high resolution photograph from the network.

1 31. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 30, further
2 comprising:
3 selecting a photo-video acquisition device from the one or more photo-
4 video acquisition devices for acquiring the high resolution photograph;
5 submitting payment information to control the selected photo-video
6 acquisition device through the network; and
7 controlling the selected photo-video acquisition device from the remote
8 device through the network.

1 32. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 30, further
2 comprising:
3 storing the high resolution photograph in a local storage; and
4 printing the high resolution photograph on a printer at home.

1 33. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 30, further comprising
2 receiving the video from the network at home.

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1 34. [Previously Presented] An image data communication method
2 comprising:
3 providing a remotely located camera;
4 capturing live video data of a scene using the camera;
5 coupling a remote device with the camera using a network;
6 communicating captured live video data from the camera to the remote
7 device using the network, wherein the captured live video data has a first
8 resolution;
9 outputting a first command from the remote device;
10 altering the capturing of the live video data of the scene using the camera
11 responsive to the first command;
12 outputting a second command from the remote device;
13 providing still image data using the captured live video data responsive to
14 the second command, wherein the still image data has a second resolution
15 greater than the first resolution; and
16 communicating the still image data to the remote device.

1 35. [New] The method of claim 1, wherein the high resolution
2 photograph has a resolution greater than a resolution of the video.

1 36. [New] The method of claim 23, wherein the communications
2 channel and the pipeline comprise different physical media configured to
3 communicate electrical signals in parallel.

1 37. [New] The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the high resolution
2 photographs individually have a resolution greater than a resolution of a
3 respective one of the videos.

1 38. [New] The method of claim 26, wherein the acquiring comprises
2 acquiring during the generating of the video comprising original generation of the
3 video of the scene for the first time.

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1 39. [New] The method of claim 26, wherein the high resolution
2 photograph has a resolution greater than a resolution of the video.

1 40. [New] The method of claim 26, wherein the processing and
2 transmitting comprise processing and transmitting the video and the high
3 resolution photograph in parallel.

1 41. [New] The method of claim 26, wherein the acquiring comprises
2 acquiring during the generating of the video comprising original generation of the
3 video of the scene for the first time.

1 42. [New] The method of claim 30, wherein the high resolution
2 photograph has a resolution greater than a resolution of the video.

1 43. [New] The method of claim 34, wherein the providing the still
2 image data comprises providing the still image data during the capturing of the
3 live video data comprising original generation of the live video data of the scene
4 for the first time.

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